



## Gold King Mine Spill 08/15/2015 – 1300 CDT Bullets

At the August 14, 2015, community meeting, Secretary Flynn announced that the State would begin ditch flushing that night. Ditch operators began flushing the ditches at 7:00 pm MDT on August 14, 2015.

New Mexico has not yet lifted the advisory restricting the use of the Animas River for recreation and public drinking water intakes.

On August 15, 2015, EPA began hauling raw water to Morningstar. This will provide minimal relief. It is not expected to significantly reduce the need for additional supply.

### Private Drinking Water Well Sampling

- EPA has 25 private water well sampling requests remaining. Prior to sampling, EPA will confirm that the owner still wants EPA to sample their wells since the private drinking water well restriction has been lifted.
- Southside and Flora Vista water systems have asked EPA to sample their public water supply wells. Today, EPA will collect four samples today. All four samples will also be analyzed for the same constituents as the private wells.

### Drinking Water Technical Support/Pretreatment/Connections

- Morningstar and Farmington are working on connecting their water systems. The pump has arrived and is being installed. EPA is making quick progress towards setting up the connection.
- EPA is transporting and offloading raw water into Morningstar's pretreatment ponds.
- On August 15, 2015, Secretary Flynn signed the waiver that temporarily exempts the Morningstar water system from the applicable provisions of the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act – Section 1417(a)(1) of the Safe Water Drinking Act, and the pertinent NSF International consensus Standard 61. This waiver allows Morningstar to temporarily implement a pump that does not meet the requirements of the Act, but will provide for alternative public water supplies.
- Southside and Flora Vista's valves are fully opened and receiving water from Aztec and Farmington. Southside and Flora Vista are experiencing issues with pressure and water quantity. EPA is providing potable water to both systems via certified potable water

haulers with pumping capabilities. This is a stop-gap measure until a more permanent solution can be finalized.

#### Surface Water and Sediment Sampling

- EPA will collect nine surface water samples and nine sediment samples today. Six of these samples will be collected from the Animas River and three will be collected after the confluence of the Animas and San Juan Rivers.

EPA and contractor staffing for today is as follows:

Group	Number
Region 6 EPA @ REOC	13
Region 6 Contractors @ REOC	4
Region 6 Staff in JIC – Durango, CO	1
Region 6 Staff in Area Command – Durango, CO	1
Region 6 RIC – Farmington, NM	1
Region 6 Logistics – Farmington, NM	1
Region 6 CIC – Farmington, NM	2
Region 6 Water Liaison – Santa Fe, NM	1
Region 6 EPA OSC	5
Region 6/7 Water Technicians	10
Region 6 Contractors in Field	32